

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHELETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Thursday February 25, 2016

Attending Commissioners: Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Mike Deaver and Leslie Reberg (via teleconference). Mike Greene (Assistant Attorney General) Director, Bill Colbert, Scott Bowler (Executive Assistant) and guest Jeremy Horn (Elite Fight Night) and Nafetelai "Feki" Pouha (Contestant).

Commission Chairman Leavitt called the meeting to order at 12:18pm at the Governor's Office of Economic Development in Room 320 "Arches Conference Room."

Sign Per Diem Sheet

Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Commissioner Deaver made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19th 2016. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Financial Report

Director Colbert provided a budget report for the Commission. He stated that to this point in the fiscal year the commission is doing exceptionally well. He also stated that some new expenditure will be forthcoming in digitizing the records from previous events. Total cost should be between \$5400 and \$9000. He added that with this cost the PSUAC will still be operating under budget. Chairman Leavitt expressed concern that the lowest bidder being out of state may disrupt the daily function of the PSUAC. Mike Green offered to help with the procurement authorization to complete this task.

Review of Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments:

**March 2016**

Saturday – March 5, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, Fierce MMA, The Tuscan, 23 East 100 North, Price, UT – **Fierce MMA** – MMA Event.

Friday – March 11, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 40 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Saturday – March 19, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, South Valley Slam, Jake Reams Arena, 1006 West 5600 Spanish Fork, UT – **South Valley Slam** – MMA Event.

**April 2015**

Saturday – April 9, 2016 @ 7pm The Clash MMA 17, Eccles Ice Center, 2825 North 200 East North Logan, UT – The Clash MMA -- MMA Event

Saturday – April 23, 2016 @ 6pm Corner 2 Corner Ent. Davis County Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton UT – Corner 2 Corner Ent. – Professional Boxing

Friday – April 29, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 41 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Friday – April 29, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, FitCon, South Towne Exposition Center, 9575 S State Street, Sandy, UT – **FitCon Fight Night** – MMA Event.

## May 2016

Saturday – May 14, 2016 @7:00PM, South Valley Slam, Sand Hollow State Park, Sand Hollow Road, Hurricane, UT – South Valley Slam – MMA Event

Saturday – May 21, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 42 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

## June 2016

Saturday – June 4, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, Fierce MMA, Carbon County Event Center, 450 South Fairgrounds Way, Price, UT – **Fierce MMA** – MMA Event.

Friday – June 24, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 43 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

## Jul 2016

Friday – July 29 – August 4, 2016 – Association of Ringside Physicians and Association of Boxing Commissions Annual Conference and Training – Las Vegas, NV – No events scheduled.

## August 2016

Friday – July 29 – August 4, 2016 – Association of Ringside Physicians and Association of Boxing Commissions Annual Conference and Training – Las Vegas, NV – No events scheduled.

Friday – August 12, 2016 @ 8:00 PM, Elite Fight Night 26, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 North, 1200 West, Ogden, UT– **Elite Fight Night** – MMA Event.

Friday – August 12, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 44 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

## October 2016

Saturday – October 15, 2016 @ 6:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 45 (All Ages Show) , The Legacy Event Center, 151 South 1100 West, Farmington, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

## November 2016

Saturday – November 18, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 46 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Schedule Discussion continued as to the number of Inspectors needed at a given event which will be included at the Anti-Doping retreat for all Commission Members.

*Upcoming Events, Scott Bowler reported that the shift in enforcement of the policy regarding “Medicals” for contestants in which they must be submitted 1 week in advance has worked great. Making the previous weeks RFA Event weigh ins much easier.*

Director Colbert reported that he has seen an increase in inquiries for events in the St. George market. The long layoff of events in the St. George market may create some challenges in staffing.

#### Director's Report

Director Colbert reported that he needs the Commission Members who plan to attend the ABC Conference in July to respond to the email so the fee can be submitted as well as Hotel's booked. The Ringside Physician's conference is concurrent with the Officials training.

RFA Event went well although there were a few complaints regarding the Judges and Referee's and there will be a formal protest regarding the outcome of the Minardi vs Collard Amateur Bout. Director Colbert asked that the RFA staff submit issues in writing.

Discussion continued regarding continued training for both Judges and Referee's. Director Colbert was going to look into setting up a future training.

#### Financial Sponsorship for 2016 Golden Gloves event is Salt Lake City

Discussion to provide a grant to Golden Gloves Boxing for an upcoming event was opened but no official action could be taken because Commissioner Deaver declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from future voting regarding the matter due to a Marketing Agreement with the organization.

Director Colbert asked for a "Sponsorship" packet to review the levels of sponsorship for this event.

*Commissioner Reberg made a motion to table the vote once again to Sponsor the Golden Gloves tournament for 2016 until a proper quorum could recognize the donation and make a vote. Commission Chairman Leavitt Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chairman Leavitt asked that Director Colbert once again provide a formal job description for the Executive Assistant. This is to be completed for the March meeting.

A.A.G. Mike Greene informed the Commission that there is a formal policy regarding the recusal of vote in a "Conflict of Interest" situation.

#### Public Comments – Open Discussion – No Action to be taken

Jeremy Horn asked if the commission had a formal policy regarding the "Protest of Decision" for a bout.

A.A.G. Mike Greene outlined the guidelines.

*The Administrative rule states that a person with an issue can email the Director (Bill Colbert) and have the item they wish to have heard will be added to the Commission Meeting agenda. The Commission will take in all information and make a ruling.*

"The board has granted a great deal of leniency regarding hearing these matters and if a formal policy was adopted it may not be in the fighters favor." Greene added

Mr. Horn continued; What would the process be if someone felt that the Commissions' decision was not correct?

Mr. Greene informed him that if he was not satisfied with the decision passed by the Commission that he could seek out a ruling from a District Court Judge through the appeals process. A "qualified" witness could be brought in to represent the athlete, and their cause.

Scott Bowler had several items to bring to the Commissions attention that required no action but was for information purposes only

- An inquiry has been made into the California State Athletic Commissions new "Weight Cutting Policy" and a report is forth coming for review
- Where does the PSUAC stand on the possibility of an adjustment to the current THC testing threshold policy? *We are awaiting Gov. Herbert's decision regarding Marijuana in Utah.*
- Does the Commission want to be involved in a policy change that would increase the number of Inspectors need at a given event? *"The Director has that discretion to staff as he sees' fit."* According to Chairman Leavitt.
- Can the Commission require a promotion to notify the athletes of limitations for "weight cutting" at the weigh ins? The commission feels that given the knowledge of the location the athletes should be aware of any limitations.  
Although, adequate facilities can be required for medical staff to complete thorough Pre-Fight examinations.

Jeremy Horn asked for clarification as to the "Weigh-In" policy regarding "Report Time" and actual "On Scale" time. These times are dictated by the promotions, but the Commission has committed to helping move this along faster. Mr. Horn stated that the "Officials" should be required to have additional training and that it should be the "Officials" responsibilities to pay for such training.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Commissioner Leslie Reberg in order to hear a personal matter presented by Nafetelai "Feki" Pouha (Contestant). This motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Deaver, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mike Deaver motioned to reopen the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Leslie Reberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reberg asked to establish a date and time for the next meeting

Next meeting to be scheduled Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 11am at the GOED/PSUAC office 60 E, South Temple Third Floor Bryce Canyon Conference Room 369 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

#### Adjourn

*Commissioner Reberg made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Deaver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 1:37pm*